

Share of assembled PCs in Indian market

***272. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':** Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the share of assembled PCs is increasing in Indian market as against branded PCs;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government are considering any proposal for encouraging the sale of assembled PCs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, whether Government would do it?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The manufacturing of the Personal Computers (PCs) in the country is largely an assembly operation. The manufacturers both branded and non-branded buy components and sub-assemblies from within the country and abroad. They then integrate these components and sub-assemblies to assemble the PCs. The market of the Personal Computers is increasing in the country. As against 1 million numbers of PCs in the year 1998-99 about 1.4 million PCs were sold in the Indian market in the year 1999-2000. The numbers are expected to increase to 1.9 million in the year 2000-2001.

(c) and (d) The Government has taken several measures for increasing the sale of the assembled PCs and some of the major steps in this regard are as below:

1. Custom Duty on the finished computers and peripherals have been reduced to 15%.
2. The Custom Duty on all storage devices, integrated circuits, micro processors, data display tubes and deflection components of colour monitors were reduced to 0%.
3. Software has been exempted from Custom and Excise Duty.
4. Depreciation on computers was increased to 60% per annum.

(e) Does not arise.